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Growing Season

Wildcats mature from earlier defeat to UCLA

By Metz Camfield CoachCal.com

ellowing Kentucky's five-point home loss to then-No. 11/9 UCLA on Dec. 3, freshman guard Malik Monk used the words "great" and "wonderful" in succession to describe what the defeat meant to the Wildcats.

Why?

Monk, even at the ripe age of 18 years old at the time, knew both he and his teammates would grow from that loss and become better

"Because we never got down like this or anything like that before," Monk said at the time. "Seeing this is great for us."

Now, as the two famed programs claiming the most national titles in college basketball history (19 combined), prepare to face off again Friday at approximately 9:39 p.m. ET in Memphis, Tennessee, for a spot in the Elite Eight, Monk's words couldn't ring more true.

To truly understand Monk's words though, one must first look back to where Kentucky had been. The Wildcats were 7-0 at the time and ranked No. 1 in the country by both the Associated Press and the USA Today Coaches'

Kentucky had scored 100-plus points in each of its previous three games, it hadn't played a game closer than 21 points all season and its average margin of victory was north of 30. In fact, in the game immediately preceding its one against the Bruins, UK had demolished another Pac-12 school, Arizona State, by 46 points, and freshman guard De'Aaron Fox had logged just the second triple-double in school history.

But everything changed against UCLA.

Kentucky got off to a slow start, forcing head coach John Calipari to use his first timeout just 80 seconds into the game.

"We didn't have the energy," Coach Cal said. "I had to call a timeout a minute into the game. I mean, just wasn't the same team."

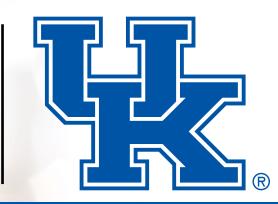
Kentucky (31-5), the No. 2 seed in the South Regional, has experienced that same problem off and on throughout the season, including a three-game stretch to close out the regular season in which it trailed by double figures during the first half of all three games.



After UK's loss to UCLA in December, Malik Monk said it would ultimately be good for the Wildcats. (photo by Chet White, UK Athletics)

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The difference is that in each of those three games, two of which came against future NCAA Tournament opponents, the Wildcats were able to rally and get the win. Kentucky rallied against UCLA as well, going on a 16-4 run to take an eight-point lead, but then let its foot off the gas, allowing the Bruins to go on a 25-8 run to close out the first half and open the second half.

"We knew if you gave them open 3s they were going to knock them down," senior forward Derek Willis said after that game. "We had a lot of lack of discipline, defensive lapses. Just got to crack down on them. I think consciously be more aware of that. Like, every possession matters. Can't have plays like that because when it comes time for March Madness or even the SEC tourney, those plays will cost you a game."

UK cut into the Bruins' 14-point second-half lead at various points, but couldn't ever get enough consistent defensive stops to get over the hump. Those stops finally came for UK with 30 seconds left trailing by 11, but it was too little too late as the Cats were able to narrow the gap to three points before UCLA senior guard Bryce Alford hit a pair of free throws to seal the win. It was UK's fifth home loss under Coach Cal in 129 games.

As the season has progressed, so too have

the Wildcats' maturity and experience. Aided by three seniors playing the best basketball of their careers, including a pair of Kentucky natives who have now each seen 15 NCAA Tournament games, this is a Wildcats team that isn't quite as young as its headlining trio of star freshmen might indicate.

"We've had so many close games," Monk said. "We had a couple blowouts. We know every team is going to bring their best so we've seen everything. We're not going to panic or anything."

"We're way more together (than we were in December)," Monk added Sunday. "At that point, we were individuals - somebody would try to take over the game by their self. We're way more together, pass the ball around and whoever has the hot hand, get him the ball."

The Wildcats are much more mentally tough now too, according to the players, but in their first go round with the Bruins they were "physically manhandled," per Coach Cal.

While much of the focus was on UCLA's star freshman point guard, Lonzo Ball, it was a different freshman, 6-foot-10 forward TJ Leaf, who "dominated the game" with 17 points on 7-of-12 shooting, 13 rebounds and five assists.

"He killed us," Calipari said of Leaf. "Straight-line drives, rebounds, making shots. We left him a couple times. He played."

Kentucky is coming off a second-round

win over a Wichita State team with a deep frontcourt known for attacking the glass. It was a team with a frontline so stout and deep that even its head coach was warning UK freshman Bam Adebayo that he better be in great shape for the game.

What transpired was Adebayo went for 13 points, 10 rebounds and a game-winning block on the perimeter. Meanwhile, the Shockers' "three-headed monster" of Shaquille Morris, Rauno Nurger and Darral Willis, Jr., combined for 15 points and 12 rebounds.

On Friday, UK will face another tough front line with Leaf, 7-0 center Thomas Welsh and 6-10 forward/center Ike Anigbogu.

Additionally, UK's backcourt will have the challenge of facing Ball, who's projected to be one of the top picks in this summer's NBA Draft, Alford, who's in the top five in scoring in UCLA history and is its all-time leader in 3-pointers made, and senior Isaac Hamilton and sophomore Aaron Holiday, who are scoring 14.0 and 12.5 points per game, respectively.

"That's why you play a season," Calipari said in December. "The great thing about college basketball is you'd like to learn from close wins, but sometimes it doesn't work that way, you got to learn from a loss. That's what we'll try to do."

And it appears Kentucky has done just that.



Coach Cal always says he'd rather learn from a tight win than a close loss, but sometimes that's what it takes, such as UK's December defeat to UCLA. (photo by Chet White, UK Athletics)



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North Carolina December Las Vegas, Nev. W. 103-100



Saturday February

Florida Gainesville, Fla. 88-66, L

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Novembe

Asbury Lexington, Ky. Exhibition | W, 156-63

Wednesday Decembe

Louisville Louisville, Kv. W. 73-70

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Tuesday **February**

LSU Lexington, Ky. W. 92-85

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Friday Novembe

Stephen F. Austin Lexington, Ky. W, 87-64

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Thursday December

Ole Miss Oxford, Miss. W. 99-76

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Saturday Februar_\

Alabama Tuscaloosa, Ala. W. 67-58

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Canisius Lexington, Ky. W, 93-69

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January

Texas A&M Lexington, Ky. W, 100-58

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February

Tennessee Lexington, Ky. W, 83-58

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Michigan State New York, N.Y.

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Saturday January

Arkansas Lexington, Ky. W. 97-71

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February

Georgia Athens, Ga. W. 82-77

🛂 Game Recap



Sunday Novembe

Duquesne Lexington, Ky. W, 93-59

Game Recap

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Tuesday Vanderbilt January Nashville, Tenn. W. 87-81

Tuesday February

Missouri Columbia, Mo. W. 72-62

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Wednesday Novembe

Cleveland State Lexington, Ky. W. 101-70

Saturday January

Auburn Lexington, Ky. W. 92-72

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Florida Lexington, Ky.

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Friday Novembe

UT Martin Lexington, Ky. W. 111-76

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Tuesday January

Mississippi State Starkville, Miss. W. 88-81

🚤 Game Recap



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Tuesday February

Vanderbilt Lexington, Ky. W. 73-67

🖶 Game Recap



Monday

Arizona State

Paradise Island, Bahamas W. 115-69

Game Recap

South Carolina Lexington, Ky. W. 85-69



March

Texas A&M College Station, Texas W. 71-63

🛂 Game Recap



Saturday Decembe

UCLA Lexington, Ky. 97-92, L

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January

Tennessee Knoxville, Tenn. 82-80. L

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Valparaiso Lexington, Ky.

W. 87-63

Saturday January

Kansas Lexington, Ky. 79-73.I

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Hofstra Brooklyn, N.Y. W. 96-73



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Around the Country

2016-17 Final SEC Standings

Team	SEC	Overall	Home	Road
Kentucky	16-2	26-5	15-2	7-3
Florida	14-4	24-7	9-1	8-4
Arkansas	12-6	23-8	15-3	6-5
South Carolina	12-6	22-9	15-3	6-5
Ole Miss	10-8	19-12	13-5	4-6
Alabama	10-8	17-13	10-5	5-6
Vanderbilt	10-8	17-14	11-5	5-6
Georgia	9-9	18-13	12-5	5-7
Texas A&M	8-10	16-14	11-5	3-7
Tennessee	8-10	16-15	11-5	5-7
Auburn	<i>7</i> -11	18-13	10-5	6-6
Mississippi State	6-12	15-15	10-7	2-7
LSU	2-16	10-20	8-8	1-10
Missouri	2-16	7-23	6-11	0-9

Scoring

Player-Team	PPG
Sindarius Thornwell, USC	
Malik Monk, UK	20.4
J.J. Frazier, UGA	18.5
Yante Maten, UF	18.2
Antonio Blakeney, LSU	17.2

Rebounding

Player-Team	RPG
Sebastian Saiz, MISS	
Robert Williams, TAMU	
Moses Kingsley, ARK	7.8
Edrice Adebayo, UK	7 . 8
Derek Ogbeide, UGA	7.7

Assists

Player-Team	APG
De'Aaron Fox, UK	4.8
Kasey Hill, UF	
I.J. Ready, MSU	
Terrence Phillips, MIZZOU	
Isaiah Briscoe, UK	

Steals

Player-Team	SPG
Sindarius Thornwell, USC	
Admon Gilder, TAMU	1.9
J.J. Frazier, UGA	1.8
Quinndary Weatherspoon, MSU	1.7
Kasey Hill, UF	1.7

Blocks

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Player-Team	BPG
Moses Kingsley, ARK	
Robert Williams, TAMU	2.5
Luke Kornet, VANDY	
Aric Holman, MSU	
Grant Williams, UT	

2016-17 Associated Press Rankings

As of Mar. 13, 2017 (week 19)

	Team	Record	Points
1	Villanova (59)	31-3	1,619
2	Gonzaga (6)	32-1	1,520
3	Kansas	28-4	1,479
4	Arizona	30-4	1,427
5	Kentucky	29-5	1,276
6	North Carolina	27-7	1,256
7	Duke	27-8	1,251
8	UCLA	29-4	1,208
9	Oregon	29-5	1,196
10	Louisville	24-8	983
11	SMU	30-4	953
12	Baylor	25-7	861
13	West Virginia	26-8	844
14	Notre Dame	25-9	684
15	Purdue	25-7	654
16	Florida State	25-8	570
17	Iowa State	23-10	562
18	Cincinnati	29-5	522
19	Wichita State	30-4	438
20	Florida	24-8	390
21	Butler	23-8	361
22	Saint Mary's	28-4	305
23	Michigan	24-11	254
24	Virginia	22-10	240
25	Wisconsin	25-9	153





2016-17 **Kentucky Wildcats Statistics**

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No.	Player	GP-S	Min.	Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct	3FT-FTA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Total	Avg.	PF	PO	Α	то	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
05	Monk, Malik	36-35	1156	32.1	239-531	.450	97-247	.393	146-176	.830	11	79	90	2.5	65	0	86	74	16	35	721	20.0
00	Fox, De'Aaron	34-32	1000	29.4	196-413	.475	15-64	.234	142-195	.728	19	117	136	4.0	84	2	158	85	7	49	549	16.1
03	Adebayo, Edrice	36-36	1074	29.8	165-271	.609	0-0	.000	149-230	.648	115	178	293	8.1	97	2	25	60	55	25	479	13.3
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	34-34	1026	30.2	158-333	.474	16-57	.281	93-144	.646	49	135	184	5.4	88	2	139	86	7	27	425	12.5
35	Willis, Derek	36-13	783	21.8	92-188	.489	47-120	.392	22-32	.688	37	154	191	5.3	69	1	28	26	38	25	253	7.0
11	Mulder, Mychal	30-2	327	10.9	52-124	.419	35-93	.376	12-13	.923	16	31	47	1.6	27	0	12	11	6	8	151	5.0
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	36-23	666	18.5	60-148	.405	20-63	.317	34-55	.618	60	122	182	5.1	88	2	26	28	33	11	174	4.8
25	Hawkins, Dominique	36-4	692	19.2	49-129	.380	17-57	.298	42-50	.840	22	37	59	1.6	73	1	64	16	0	29	157	4.4
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha	15-0	96	6.4	17-29	.586	0-0	.000	6-15	.400	12	19	31	2.1	19	0	2	7	10	1	40	2.7
15	Humphries, Isaac	36-1	287	8.0	40-80	.500	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	48	52	100	2.8	56	1	8	16	18	6	93	2.6
14	Wynyard, Tai	15-0	54	3.6	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	5	8	13	0.9	11	0	1	2	3	1	11	0.7
10	David, Jonny	7-0	11	1.6	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	2-4	.500	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0.7
20	Calipari, Brad	15-0	45	3.0	2-13	.154	2-12	.167	2-5	.400	1	2	3	0.2	3	0	1	2	1	0	8	0.5
30	Pulliam, Dillon	6-0	8	1.3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
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2016-17 **Kentucky Wildcats**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	De'Aaron Fox	G	6-3	187	Fr.	Houston, TX
1	Sacha Killeya-Jones	F	6-10	230	Fr.	Chapel Hill, NC
3	Edrice Adebayo	F	6-10	260	Fr.	Washington, NC
5	Malik Monk	G	6-3	200	Fr.	Lepanto, AR
10	Jonny David	G	6-2	183	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
11	Mychal Mulder	G	6-4	185	Sr.	Windsor, ON
13	Isaiah Briscoe	G	6-3	210	So.	Newark, NJ
14	Tai Wynyard	F	6-10	254	Fr.	Auckland, New Zealand
15	Isaac Humphries	F	7-0	255	So.	Sydney, NSW
20	Brad Calipari	G	6-0	178	Fr.	Franklin Lakes, NJ
25	Dominique Hawkins	G	6-0	191	Sr.	Richmond, KY
30	Dillon Pulliam	G	6-3	195	So.	Cynthiana, KY
32	Wenyen Gabriel	F	6-9	213	Fr.	Manchester, NH
35	Derek Willis	F	6-9	228	Sr.	Mount Washington, KY



Coaching Staff Head Coach: John Calipari **Associate Head Coach:** Kenny Payne **Assistant Coaches:** Tony Barbee, John Robic, Joel Justus

Quick Facts

Location: Lexington, Ky. **Founded:** 1865 Enrollment: 28,928 **Conference:** SEC



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2016-17 **UCLA Bruins**

##	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Alex Olesinski	F	6-10	200	So.	Roswell, N.M.
2	Lonzo Ball	G	6-6	190	Fr.	Chino Hills, Calif.
3	Aaron Holiday	G	6-1	185	So.	Chatsworth, Calif.
10	Isaac Hamilton	G	6-5	195	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
13	lke Anigbogu	F/C	6-10	250	Fr.	Corona, Calif.
14	Gyorgy Goloman	F	6-11	215	Jr.	Kormend, Hungary
15	Jerrold Smith	G	6-0	165	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
20	Bryce Alford	G	6-3	185	Sr.	Albuquerque, N.M.
21	Alec Wulff	G	6-3	185	Jr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
22	TJ Leaf	F	6-10	225	Fr.	El Cajon, Calif.
23	Prince Ali	G	6-3	190	So.	The Bronx, N.Y.
34	Ikenna Okwarabizie	С	6-9	250	Jr.	Lagos, Nigeria
40	Thomas Welsh	С	7-0	245	Jr.	Redondo Beach, Calif.



Coaching Staff Head Coach: Steve Alford **Assistant Coaches:** Duane Broussard, David Grace, Ed Schilling **Quick Facts**

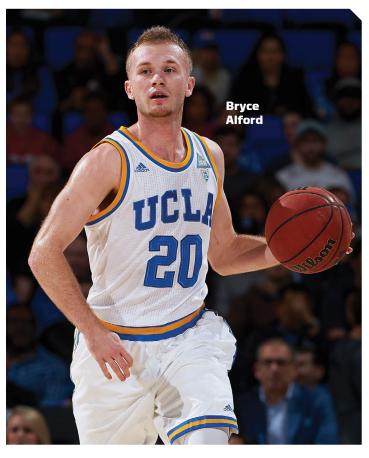
Location: Los Angeles, Calif.

Founded: 1919 **Enrollment:** 43,239 **Conference:** Pac-12



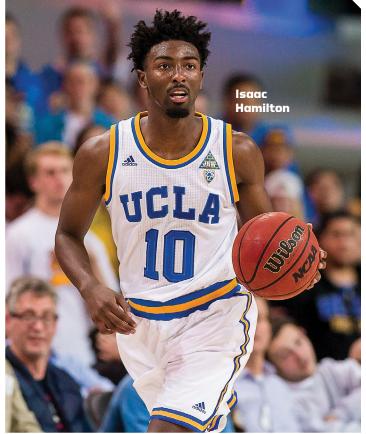
2016-17 UCLA Bruins Statistics

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No.	Player	GP-S	Min.	Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct	3FT-FTA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Total	Avg.	PF	PO	Α	то	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
22	Leaf, TJ	34-34	1014	29.8	228-370	.616	26-57	.456	70-102	.686	77	203	280	8.2	88	1	85	49	38	22	552	16.2
20	Alford, Bryce	35-35	1156	33.0	168-375	.448	113-261	.433	96-117	.821	9	78	87	2.5	47	0	90	34	5	19	545	15.6
02	Ball, Lonzo	35-35	1224	35.0	185-333	.556	79-188	.420	65-96	.677	33	180	213	6.1	64	1	266	85	26	66	514	14.7
10	Hamilton, Isaac	35-35	1047	29.9	187-417	.448	70-197	.355	46-56	.821	30	93	123	3.5	62	0	98	71	5	24	490	14.0
03	Holiday, Aaron	35-0	926	26.5	148-305	.485	53-128	.414	87-108	.806	12	90	102	2.9	77	2	154	84	6	39	436	12.5
40	Welsh, Thomas	31-31	784	25.3	148-253	.585	1-1	1.000	39-44	.886	66	204	270	8.7	76	3	31	14	42	10	336	10.8
13	Anigbogu, Ike	28-0	362	12.9	57-100	.570	0-0	.000	23-43	.535	40	75	115	4.1	70	2	6	22	35	4	137	4.9
14	Goloman, Gyorgy	34-5	395	11.6	52-90	.578	1-9	.111	21-33	.636	26	58	84	2.5	68	2	23	23	29	21	126	3.7
05	Dodson, Armani	1-0	2	2.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
04	Wulff, Isaac	5-0	10	2.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	0.4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.0
15	Smith, Jerrold	13-0	25	1.9	3-11	.273	0-2	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	5	0	1	2	0	2	7	0.5
21	Wulff, Alec	13-0	24	1.8	2-6	.333	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.1	2	0	1	0	0	1	6	0.5
34	Okwarabizie, Ikenna	12-0	31	2.6	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	1	6	7	0.6	4	0	0	3	0	1	2	0.2
	Team										39	33	72		1		4					
	Total	35	7000		1181-2265	.521	345-849	.406	451-609	.741	335	1022	1357	38.8	565	11	755	391	186	209	3158	90.2



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Opponents



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2016-17 **Butler Bulldogs**

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
0	Avery Woodson	G	Gr.	6-2	190	Waynesboro, Miss.
1	Tyler Lewis	G	RSr.	5-11	170	Statesville, N.C.
3	Kamar Baldwin	G	Fr.	6-0	170	Winder, Ga.
4	Tyler Wideman	F	Jr.	6-8	240	Schererville, Ind.
10	Trey Pettus	G	Sr.	6-4	200	St. Louis, Mo.
11	Kethan Savage	G	RSr.	6-3	205	Fairfax, Va.
20	Henry Baddley	G/F	Fr.	6-4	175	Wadsworth, Ohio
22	Sean McDermott	G/F	RFr.	6-6	190	Anderson, Ind.
25	Steven Bennett	G	Sr.	6-3	190	New Castle, Ind.
30	Kelan Martin	F	Jr.	6-7	220	Louisville, Ky.
45	Andrew Chrabascz	F	Sr.	6-7	230	Portsmouth, R.I.
50	Joey Brunk	F/C	Fr.	6-11	240	Indianapolis, Ind.
51	Nate Fowler	С	So.	6-10	240	Cincinnati, Ohio
	Paul Jorgensen	G	RJr.	6-2	185	New City, N.Y.



Coaching Staff Head Coach: Chris Holtmann **Assistant Coaches:** Terry Johnson, Ryan Pedon, Mike Schrage

Quick Facts

Location: Indianapolis, Ind.

Founded: 1855 **Enrollment:** 5,097 **Conference:** BIG EAST



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30	Martin, Kelan	33-21	949	28.8	175-409	. 428	62-176	.352	116-149	.779	33	158	191	5.8	72	0	39	64	14	23	528	16.0
45	Chrabascz, Andrew	33-33	1077	32.6	122-270	.452	23-65	.35 4	100-133	.752	50	98	148	4.5	79	1	103	56	9	24	367	11.1
03	Baldwin, Kamar	33-23	887	26.9	133-270	.493	34-90	.378	31-41	.756	14	107	121	3.7	73	2	49	48	18	57	331	10.0
00	Woodson, Avery	33-20	734	22.2	100-227	.441	73-170	.429	20-26	.769	8	79	87	2.6	56	0	23	10	9	8	293	8.9
11	Savage, Kethan	29-10	589	20.3	75-169	.444	13-46	.283	68-91	.747	5	73	78	2.7	56	4	44	34	5	27	231	8.0
04	Wideman, Tyler	33-32	759	23.0	95-154	.617	0-2	.000	53-81	.654	69	98	167	5.1	98	2	14	36	26	20	243	7.4
01	Lewis, Tyler	33-24	721	21.8	67-129	.519	22-55	.400	59-80	.738	7	40	47	1.4	57	0	133	33	1	21	215	6.5
51	Fowler, Nate	33-1	397	12.0	66-98	.673	10-20	.500	37-47	.787	38	32	70	2.1	54	1	14	21	4	7	179	5.4
50	Brunk, Joey	7-0	49	7.0	7-13	.538	0-2	.000	8-12	.667	0	7	7	1.0	8	0	1	3	1	1	22	3.1
22	McDermott, Sean	29-1	321	11.1	22-53	.415	15-42	.357	8-13	.615	11	31	42	1.4	42	0	9	10	6	6	67	2.3
10	Pettus, Trey	6-0	23	3.8	4-10	.400	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.3	3	0	3	2	0	0	8	1.3
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25	Bennett, Steven	6-0	28	4.7	2-9	.222	1-6	.167	0-1	.000	0	3	3	0.5	3	0	3	2	0	0	5	0.8
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Opponents





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##	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Nate Britt	G	6-1	175	Sr.	Upper Marlboro, Md.
1	Theo Pinson	F/G	6-6	205	Jr.	Greensboro, N.C.
2	Joel Berry II	G	6-0	195	Jr.	Apopka, Fla.
3	Kennedy Meeks	F	6-10	260	Sr.	Charlotte, N.C.
4	Isaiah Hicks	F	6-9	235	Sr.	Oxford, N.C.
5	Tony Bradley	F	6-10	235	Fr.	Bartow, Fla.
11	Shea Rush	F	6-6	195	Fr.	Fairway, Kan.
13	Kanler Coker	G	6-4	200	Sr.	Gainesville, Ga.
14	Brandon Robinson	G	6-5	160	Fr.	Lithia Springs, Ga.
21	Seventh Woods	G	6-2	175	Fr.	Columbia, S.C.
24	Kenny Williams	G	6-4	175	So.	Midlothian, Va.
30	Stilman White	G	6-1	175	Sr.	Wilmington, N.C.
32	Luke Maye	F	6-8	230	So.	Huntersville, N.C.
44	Justin Jackson	F/G	6-8	200	Jr.	Tomball, Texas



Coaching Staff Head Coach: Roy Williams **Assistant Coaches:** Steve Robinson, C.B. McGrath, Hubert Davis

Quick Facts Location: Chapel Hill, N.C.

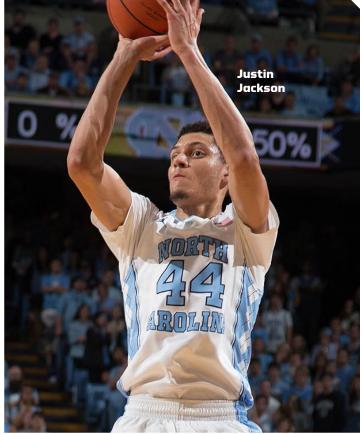
Founded: 1789 **Enrollment:** 29,084 **Conference:** ACC

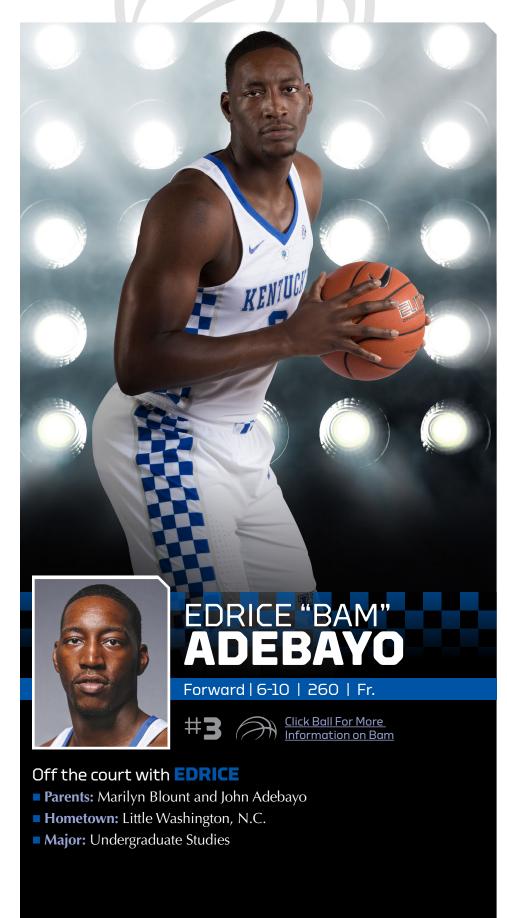


2016-17 North Carolina Tar Heels Statistics

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44	Justin Jackson	36-35	1133	31.5	236-529	.446	98-253	.387	80-107	.748	48	122	170	4.7	50	0	99	61	6	27	650	18.1
02	Joel Berry II	34-33	1015	29.9	161-369	.436	79-197	.401	87-107	.813	15	92	107	3.1	74	1	125	63	4	47	488	14.4
03	Kennedy Meeks	36-36	862	23.9	189-346	.546	0-0	.000	79-125	.632	134	192	326	9.1	81	3	38	46	39	31	457	12.7
04	Isaiah Hicks	35-35	820	23.4	162-271	.598	0-0	.000	109-133	.820	69	131	200	5.7	105	4	48	59	24	14	433	12.4
05	Tony Bradley	34-0	513	15.1	95-163	.583	0-0	.000	64-102	.627	94	86	180	5.3	61	0	22	22	21	9	254	7.5
24	Kenny Williams	26-22	617	23.7	58-139	.417	27-80	.338	19-30	.633	34	52	86	3.3	40	0	56	30	8	23	162	6.2
01	Theo Pinson	17-9	387	22.8	36-88	.409	8-29	.276	20-31	.645	21	53	74	4.4	27	0	63	23	1	15	100	5.9
32	Luke Maye	31-1	429	13.8	66-140	.471	11-31	.355	16-31	.516	54	64	118	3.8	56	1	35	30	7	13	159	5.1
00	Nate Britt	36-7	690	19.2	60-170	.353	24-73	.329	25-35	.714	10	55	65	1.8	61	1	84	33	2	39	169	4.7
14	Brandon Robinson	36-0	280	7.8	22-64	.344	7-30	.233	18-27	.667	11	32	43	1.2	31	0	28	14	3	9	69	1.9
21	Seventh Woods	36-0	298	8.3	17-60	.283	2-11	.182	25-41	.610	6	47	53	1.5	25	1	47	41	2	20	61	1.7
30	Stilman White	24-1	90	3.8	9-19	.474	2-4	.500	16-18	.889	4	5	9	0.4	7	0	5	2	0	3	36	1.5
11	Shea Rush	19-0	32	1.7	4-14	.286	1-3	.333	6-12	.500	1	3	4	0.2	4	0	0	2	1	3	15	0.8
13	Kanler Coker	20-1	27	1.4	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	5-5	1.000	2	2	4	0.2	5	0	1	1	0	1	9	0.5
25	Aaron Rohlman	19-0	32	1.7	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	12	13	0.7	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0.0
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Q: What is the best part of playing basketball at UK?

A: The competition level. Going into practice thinking I have to be the best I can be or someone else will get ahead of me.

Q: What is a musician or type of music that people would be surprised you like?

A: Katy Perry – people are surprised by that. I like TGIF the best. When I'm in my room and have my speakers on, that's what I listen

Q: What is your favorite class that you taken in your brief time here or in high school?

A: I enjoy my small groups communications class. The professor is always energetic and we have fun in that class. It's a morning class, but she makes it fun for us.

Q: What age were you the first time you dunked?

A: I think it was the 6th grade. I was at a tournament and the opposing team was late so we were just messing around, and I dunked.

Q: What is the best part about being a UK basketball player?

A: The basketball. Getting suited up in blue with other great players.



High School

Named a McDonald's All-American and participated in the Jordan Brand Classic game ... Tabbed to the second team of the All-USA Boys Basketball Team ... McDonald's All-American Game Morgan Wootten Player of the Year finalist ... Made the Naismith All-America Second Team ... Tabbed the North Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year ... Joins Kentucky out of High Point Christian Academy in High Point, North Carolina, where he averaged 18.9 points and 13.0 rebounds his senior season ... He led High Point Christian Academy to an appearance in the state title game ... Ranked in the top 10 by ESPN (No. 5) and Rivals (No. 7) ... Scout (No. 11) and 247Sports (No. 12) tabbed him as a top-15 prospect in the 2016 class ... Ranked No. 8 overall in the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Has USA Basketball experience and was named a MaxPreps All-American in 2013 ... An honor-roll student ... Also was a member of the poetry club ... Was a member of the Kids Hoops service project.



- Parents: Henrietta Hemingway and George Briscoe
- **Hometown:** Newark, N.J.
- Major: Undergraduate Studies
- Career High Points: 20 (at UCLA 12/3/15)
- Career High Rebounds: 12 (vs. NJIT 11/14/15)
- Career High Blocks: 1 (five times)

Q: Who in your life do you look up to the

A: My parents. They are both hardworking, loving parents who always put us first. They made sure that we never wanted for anything and if we did, they tried their best to give it to us.

Q: What's a sport that you've never tried, or maybe played since you were a little kid that you'd like to play?

A: I haven't played football in a long time. I loved football. I wish I could go back and play. As a kid, I was a running back, but now I'd be a wide receiver.

Q: First time you met Coach Cal in person, what did you think?

A: I don't remember. I remember at Peach Jam he came and watched a couple of my games, but other than that, I can't recall the first time we met. My first impression of Coach is that he is crazy. I love him. He cares for his players, but he's crazy.

Q: What is the most points you've ever scored in a basketball game?

A: I scored 63 one night during my senior year of high school. That night everything was dropping.

Q: What is the part of your game that you are most proud of?

A: I'm most proud of my ball-handling skills.

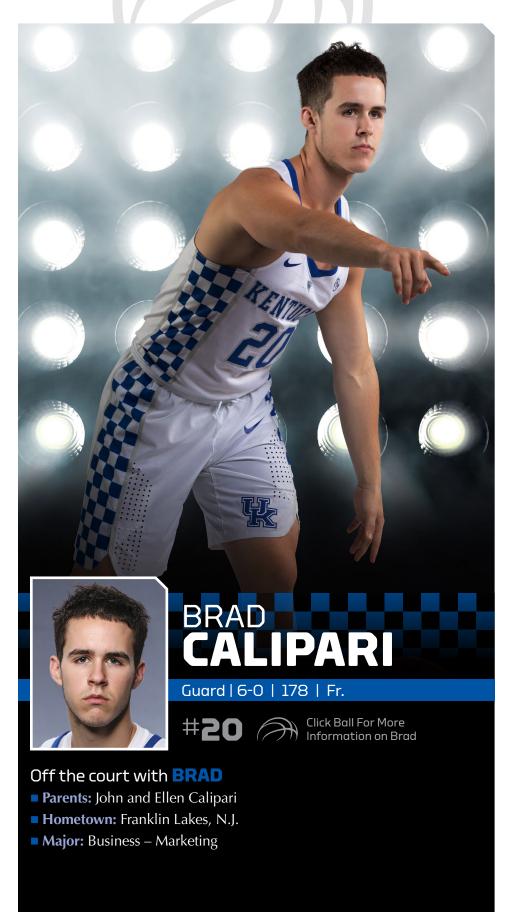


2015-16 (Freshman)

Played in 34 games, with 33 starts ... Missed two games due to injury ... Earned SEC Freshman of the Week honors once ... Led all Kentucky guards in rebounding with 5.3 boards per game ... Scored in double figures in 18 games.

Personal

Son of Henrietta Hemingway... Born April 13, 1996, in Newark, New Jersey ... Chose Kentucky over Arizona, Connecticut and St. John's ... Has two sisters, Iasia and Iesha, and a brother, George ... Sister Iasia played basketball at Syracuse ... Is a cousin of Cleveland Cavaliers' guard Kyrie Irving ... Picked No. 13 because it's a "bad-luck" number and he likes to be different ... Most memorable moment on the court is winning the 17U Peach Jam ... If he wasn't a player, he would be an agent ... His biggest influence in life are his parents ... Wanted to be a firefighter when he was growing up.



Q: What are your best memories from Christmas?

A: When the chandelier fell down in our dining room. It just collapsed and fell from the ceiling. It was our first Christmas in Kentucky. We were all shocked, but we cleaned it up, put it to the side and continued with Christmas.

Q: What is the single best part about being a UK player?

A: Being able to get into the gym anytime I want. I love it. I can go to the gym any time of day or night. It's nice that it's always accessible.

Q: What sport have you never tried, or have tried that you'd like to play again? A: I want to try bobsledding. It looks intense and fun.

Q: If you can only follow one of your teammates on Snapchat, who would it be?

A: That's a tough one. It would probably be De'Aaron. He's just funny. De'Aaron or Bam, they both do the same things. They're always together on the Snapchat. They are usually singing songs that they shouldn't be singing.

Q: Who in your life do you most look up to

A: My parents because they've always led me in the right direction. They know what's best for me. They've been through a lot and share their wisdom.



High School

Joined Kentucky after a productive final season at the MacDuffie School in Massachusetts ... The 6-foot guard spent the last two seasons at MacDuffie after starting his high school career at Lexington Christian Academy ... Developed into a sharpshooter during his final season at MacDuffie, where he shot a team-high 47 percent from behind the 3-point line ... Averaged 15.3 points, 3.6 assists and 2.6 rebounds per game as a senior ... Finished his career as a 1,000-point scorer ... Was the MVP of the 2016 HoopHall Classic ... Chosen for the 2016 Kentucky Derby Festival Basketball Classic, where he scored nine points on three 3-pointers to go along with four rebounds ... In January, played against incoming UK signee Wenyen Gabriel and scored 17 points on five made 3-pointers, while leading his team to a 69-61 victory over Gabriel's squad ... Also played golf ... Earned academic honors for art, specializing in drawing.



■ Parents: Joseph and Sandi David

■ Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

■ Major: Kinesiology

■ Career High Points: 2 (South Florida, 11/27/15)

■ Career High Rebounds: 0

■ Career High Blocks: 0

Q: What are you most looking forward to about this season?

A: Just like everyone else, I'm curious to see how we do. Will we mesh together in the preseason, when we go up against the top teams? I think it's going to be a fun year.

Q: If you could only do one of these things, which would it be - drive down the lane and dunk on a fellow big man, or crossover a guard and hit a shot?

A: I would dunk, because I don't dunk often.

Q: What's your go-to TV show and why? A: I think my favorite show of all time is "That 70s Show." I've seen all the episodes. It's the same thing with "Friends," but I haven't seen "Friends" in a while.

Q: Have you ever played Pokemon Go? A: I did. Me, Tai and Sacha played when it first came out. We wanted to see what it was about. Later, we found a way to cheat at the game. Basically, you can lay in bed and hit a button and play without going outside. The cheat button worked for awhile, then something happened and it quit working so we haven't been playing lately.

Q: What was your reaction when you heard that fans camp out in tents for Big Blue Madness?

A: I was shocked. I had heard about fans camping out and I knew it was going to happen. When you see it in person, though, it's totally different. We have the best fans in the country.



2015-16 (Freshman)

SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Appeared in 11 games during his freshman campaign ... Played in a season-high two minutes in games against NJIT and Georgia ... Made his NCAA Tournament debut in UK's victory over Stony Brook in the first round ... Drained his only two free-throw attempts of the season in a win over South Florida.

Personal

Son of Joseph and Sandi David ... Born Nov. 7, 1996, in Pittsburgh Father was a basketball letterwinner for the University of Pittsburgh ... Has two brothers, Justin and Jeremy, and a sister, Samantha ... Brother Justin plays basketball for South Florida ... Most memorable moment as a basketball player was hitting the game-winning shot on senior night to win the sectional championship ... Chose No. 10 because he has always worn it.



Q: What's the best part about playing basketball UK?

A: The people around you. These guys have been some of the top players in the country in their respective classes and we are all bonding together and having fun while we are playing.

Q: In the classroom, what's a subject or class that sticks out to you?

A: My team leadership class in high school. It was interesting to learn how to communicate with people and develop leadership skills.

Q: How old were you when you first realized you were good at basketball?

A: I was in sixth grade. We were at nationals and we lost in the final four. At that point, I realized I was around a lot of good people who would be playing this game a long time.

Q: What is the part of your game that you're most proud of?

A: My speed. Speed is something you can't teach. I feel my speed is an advantage and is one thing that I hope is never taken away from me.

Q: What is a sport that you have never played that you would like to try?

A: Handball. I was watching the Olympics this year and handball looks like something I would really like to play.



High School

Named to the All-USA Boys Basketball team as a first-team selection ... Also made the Naismith All-America First Team ... Naismith High School Player of the Year finalist ... Also a McDonald's All-American and participated in both the Jordan Brand Classic game and the Nike Hoop Summit ... Shared MVP honors at the Jordan Brand Classic with fellow UK signee Malik Monk after scoring a game-high 23 points on 8-of-16 shooting to go along with five rebounds ... Led Cypress Lakes (Katy, Texas) with a pair of back-toback 40-point performances in the Texas high school state playoffs before falling in the regional finals ... During the regular season he scored 30 or more points in 20 games, 40 or more eight times and even hit the 50-point mark in February ... Tabbed the Texas Gatorade High School Player of the Year in 2016 ... Three-time all-region selection and twice was tabbed the district's most valuable player ... Named his district's newcomer of the year in 2013.



Q: What are your best memories from Christmas?

A: When I was little, I remember I went to the store, and there were these monster trucks. I cried to get a monster truck, and my mom got me the biggest one. Unfortunately, I broke it the next day.

Q: Who in your life do you most look up

A: My mom. To endure the struggle that she's been through is impressive. We came from a war in South Sudan. She came to the United States and works by herself and takes care of six children.

Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

A: My motor. I play hard. When I step on the floor, I know that I'm the hardest working player on the court and that means a lot to me.

Q: What is a sport you've never tried that you'd like to play?

A: I've tried a lot of sports but I've never played baseball. It would be fun to try swinging a bat.

Q: What is the best part of playing basketball at UK?

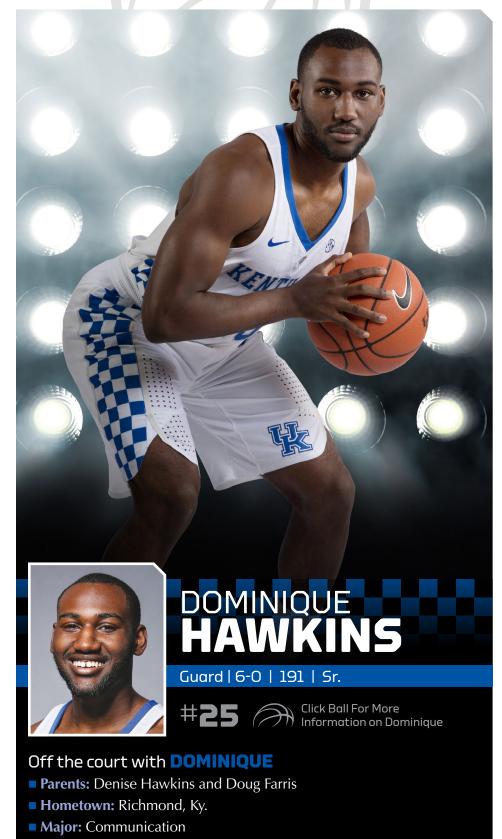
A: The competitiveness and playing against this level of talent every day.



High School

Forward who averaged 22.0 points, 14.0 rebounds, 7.0 blocks and 6.3 assists at Wilbraham & Monson Academy in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, as a senior ... Made the Naismith All-America Third Team ... A two-time most valuable player for Wilbraham & Monson Academy ... Suited up for Mass Rivals on the AAU circuit ... A 1,000-point scorer in high school ... Participated in the Jordan Brand Classic game and was a member of the Nike Hoop Summit ... Ranked as high as No. 12 in the national rankings by Scout ... Rivals tabbed him at No. 13 overall and ESPN and 247Sports rated him as the No. 14 player in the 2016 class ... Ranked No. 8 overall in the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Named to the 2016 USA Junior National Select Team.





Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

A: Defense. I definitely take pride in that. I take pride in shutting somebody down for a whole game.

Q: What is the best thing about being a UK

A: That you learn about each and everybody from all over the world. I never thought I'd be playing with somebody from Australia or New Zealand, but that's pretty neat. Also, everybody's just so different and you realize that we're not just basketball players, but we're actual human beings.

Q: What is a sport you never tried that you'd like to play?

A: Tennis. I've never played it before, but I've always wanted to try it. Tennis looks fun.

Q: What is a type of music that people would be surprised you listen to?

A: I like Maroon 5, everybody loves Adam Levine.

Q: What is your favorite class that you've taken at UK?

A: Probably, Communications 249. It's an interpersonal communications class that I found interesting. I thought it was fun learning various ways that people communicate on a daily basis such as picking up on non-verbal cues.



2015-16 (Junior)

SEC Academic Honor Roll member ... Saw action in 27 games during an injury-plagued junior season ... Had career-highs in points, blocks, free throws, 3-point field goals and shooting percentage ... Averaged 2.3 points with a 2.2 assist-to-turnover ratio ... Missed seven games in January due to an ankle sprain and also broke his hand during fall camp ... Had a career game in a win over rival No. 16/15 Louisville with career bests in points (13), 3-pointers (three) and minutes played (26) ... Prior to that game he had never made more than one 3-pointer in a game ... He became the first Kentucky native to score in double figures for the Wildcats against Louisville since Darius Miller did so in the 2012 Final Four ... Posted three points with three rebounds in the loss to Indiana in 14 minutes of action in the second round of the NCAA Tournament ... Played in 17 minutes of the NCAA Tournament win over Stony Brook ... Scored two points and hauled in a season-high four rebounds ... Scored seven points vs. Alabama in the SEC Tournament quarterfinals.

■ Career High Rebounds: 4 (two times)

■ Career High Blocks: 1 (five times)

Career High Points: 13 (vs. Louisville, 12/26/15)



■ Parents: Michaela Humphries

■ Hometown: Sydney, Australia

■ Major: Communication

■ Career High Points: 6 (at Texas A&M, 2/20/16)

■ Career High Rebounds: 12 (at Texas A&M, 2/20/16)

Career High Blocks: 4 (vs. Georgia, 2/9/16)

Q: What is your go-to TV show and why?

A: "Modern Family" because it's so funny. It really depicts a lot of modern families today. It's nothing like Australian culture, but a family is a family.

Q: What's the most points you've ever scored in a basketball game?

A: I scored 63 in a game when I was 15 years old. I averaged around 45 points per game that season.

Q: When was the last time you cried tears of joy?

A: Beating Spain at Worlds in 2014. We were down by 20 points at halftime. Playing for your country is a big deal and the winner would advance into the grand final match. We forced the game into overtime, and I got a steal and a dunk in the win. It was just a great moment.

Q: What is one thing friends at home don't understand about Kentucky?

A: Everything. Where do I begin. They don't understand the complete hype and the severity of how big basketball is in America.

Q: What is a type of music that people would be surprised you listen to?

A: People are more surprised that I don't listen to music. Beyonce is my favorite singer, but I don't really listen to music day in and day out.

Q: What is your favorite class you've taken so far at UK, or in life?

A: My music class in Australia. We did a cool thing where every week where we would perform for the class and that was fun.



2015-16 (Freshman)

SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Appeared in 22 games his freshman season with one start ... Proved to be a valuable backup off the bench ... Played 10 or more minutes nine times ... Appeared in 12 straight games before a DNP to end the season ... Posted four points with three rebounds in the win at Florida ... Made his first career start at home vs. Alabama and produced four points, four rebounds, a block and an assist in 21 minutes ... Logged career highs in points (six) and rebounds (12) with two blocks in 20 critical minutes at Texas A&M ... Recorded three points, six rebounds and two blocks at home vs. Tennessee ... Swatted a career-high four shots in 14 minutes in the home victory vs. Georgia.



Q: Who in your life do you most look up

A: My parents. They have been really supportive of me and everything I've done. They're great role models, and always tell me to be my own person.

Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

A: Probably my versatility. Currently, I'm glad I'm getting a lot stronger and I'm going to be able to be more physical and be really imposing. It's going to be good for me at this

Q: What is the single best part about being a UK player?

A: I think just being on this team. We have tremendous talent and all the guys are so great and we all get along with each other. It's been a lot of fun. It's been a lot of hard work, too.

Q: Before you were ever a UK recruit, what were your ideas about UK basketball?

A: I knew Kentucky was the best of the best. I was committed to Virginia for a while. When I was committed to Virginia was the year Kentucky went 38-1. I was like, "They have to lose, somebody has to beat them." I remember the UK-Notre Dame game in the tournament that season. Virginia had lost to Michigan State the game before. The UK game was a nail-biter and I forget who hit the shot in the corner to beat Notre Dame in the Elite Eight, but I remember that game really vividly.

Q: What sport have you never tried, or haven't played since you were a kid that you'd like to play?

A: Baseball. I played wee baseball and it was fun.



High School

Suited up as a McDonald's All-American in 2016 ... A double-double machine during his final season at Virginia Episcopal in Lynchburg, Virginia, posting 13 games with at least 20 points and at least 10 rebounds ... A two-time all-state selection ... Named the state's player of the year as a senior ... Hauled in conference player of the year and Super 64 MVP honors in his final campaign ... A 1,000-point scorer for Virginia Episcopal School ... A consensus top-10 forward in the class of 2016 ... Rivals, ESPN and 247Sports all ranked him No. 24 overall in their national rankings ... Scout tabbed him at No. 27.



Q: What are your best memories from Christmas?

A: In fourth grade, I got a toy Hummer with a remote control. I loved it, but I broke it the first month and I was so mad at myself.

Q: What are the most points you've ever scored in a basketball game?

A: It was 60 and I was in 11th grade. It was a game that went into four overtimes.

Q: What are you looking forward to most about this season?

A: I'm looking forward to the travel. I enjoy traveling, and now I'm looking forward to seeing fans of the Big Blue Nation supporting us at every road game.

Q: What is one thing friends at home don't understand about Kentucky?

A: It's a business. You have to be on time with everything. You have to be on point with everything. The team revolves around the coach and not the players. You learn quickly that you're on their time now.

Q: What is the best Halloween costume vou ever had?

A: I had a Jason suit when I was in fifth grade. I had the boots, his real face, the mask, and the machete. I was hiding around scaring people. Then another year, I had a full out Freddie suit with the mask.



High School

Made the All-USA Boys Basketball Second Team ... Tabbed to the Naismith All-America Second Team ... McDonald's All-American Game Morgan Wootten Player of the Year finalist ... Also a McDonald's All-American and Jordan Brand Classic game participant ... Shared MVP honors with fellow UK signee De'Aaron Fox at the Jordan Brand Classic after posting 22 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals ... Won the McDonald's 3-point shooting contest and finished second in the dunk contest ... The 2016 Arkansas Gatorade Player of the Year in addition to earning the state's Mr. Basketball award ... An all-state player ... Considered the top shooting guard in the class and a consensus five-star prospect ... Ranked No. 9 overall by Rivals and ESPN ... 247Sports rated him as the No. 10 player overall and Scout tabbed him at No. 13 ... Ranked No. 9 overall in the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Averaged 28.6 points, 7.5 rebounds and 4.4 assists as a senior ... Season highlights include a single-game school scoring record with 53 points.



Off the court with MYCHAL

■ Parents: Randy Mulder and Jennifer Gignac

■ **Hometown:** Windsor, Ontario

■ Major: Communication

■ Career High Points: 5 (at LSU, 1/5/16)

■ Career High Rebounds: 8 (at LSU, 1/5/16)

■ Career High Blocks: 0

Q: Who in your life do you most look up to?

A: My dad. He's a strong individual who's been through a lot in his life, and he's always overcome that adversity. Growing up, I always wanted to be like him. We have the same type of attitude, a chip on our shoulder, and he's taught me alot about being a man and being a basketball player.

Q: What is the single best part about being a UK player?

A: I think it's the relationships that we build. We go through so much together, so many ups and downs. We have difficult days in the gym. We work so hard competing against each other, and after practice we're just so close friends. I have a lot of friends that have come through the program. Whether we lost them to the NBA or to other things, and we're still close. I think relationship building is important and during my time at UK, the ones I've built have been so special to me.

Q: What is your favorite class you've taken either at UK or your school before that?

A: I was really into the psychologies. I did general studies back at my old school, and I found it really interesting to think about how the mind works, and people's motivations and why they do the things they do. It's not something you think about, though, unless you're forced to.

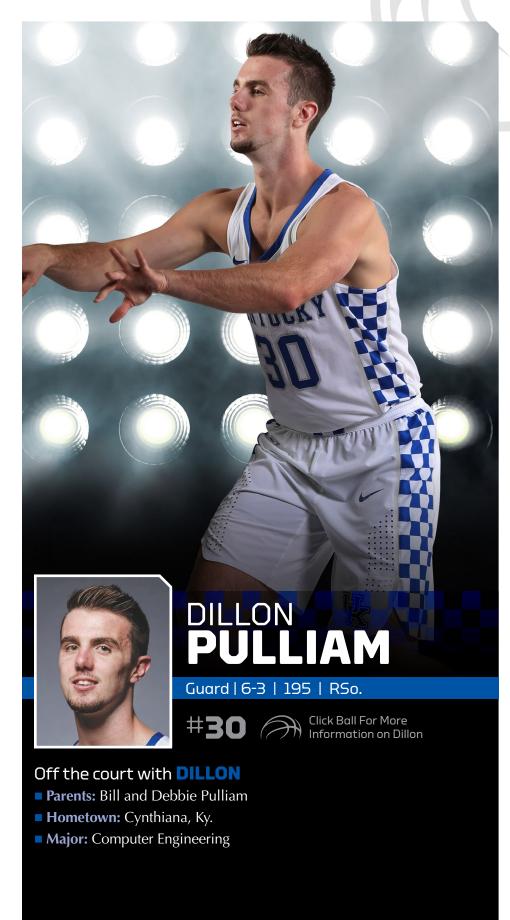
Q: If you could only do one of these things which would it be - drive down the lane and dunk on a fellow big man, or crossover a guard and hit a shot?

A: Drive down the lane and dunk on a big man. There's not many things that compare with the feeling when you rise on somebody and throw it down on them. It's just such an exhilarating experience, you feel powerful you feel dominant, it's just an empowering feeling.



2015-16 (Junior)

Made an appearance in 24 games ... Logged 90 minutes with 12 points and 27 rebounds ... Grabbed three rebounds in seven minutes at Auburn ... Averaged 3.3 points and 4.0 rebounds during a three-game stretch from Jan. 5 to Jan. 12 ... Played 10 minutes in the win against Mississippi State, scoring two points ... Posted three points and four rebounds along with a made 3-pointer in 11 minutes at Alabama ... Recorded career highs in points (five), rebounds (eight) and minutes (14) on the road at LSU.



Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

A: Probably either my work ethic or my shooting ability. I feel like this summer I really improved my body in terms of conditioning, agility and jumping ability.

Q: If you can only follow one of your teammates on Snapchat, who would it be and

A: I would probably go with De'Aaron because he's funny and he's always on Snapchat. I don't actually have a Snapchat account, but he would be a good guy to follow.

Q: What is one thing friends at home don't understand about Kentucky?

A: I don't think people understand all the work behind the scenes before the games. An example is all the practicing, the conditioning, the workouts, the long hours in the gym - just all the time we put in that isn't seen.

Q: What is the best part of playing basketball at UK?

A: The fans. I mean Big Blue Nation is crazy. 20,000-plus people in Rupp Arena for your games. That's something you dream of.

Q: Have you ever played Pokemon Go?

A: Yes, I do. I downloaded it. Some of my friends were playing, so I downloaded it over the summer. Since then I'm on it at least five times a day. I don't have as many Pokemons caught as some of these guys. They have an app that let's them cheat, and I actually play legit.

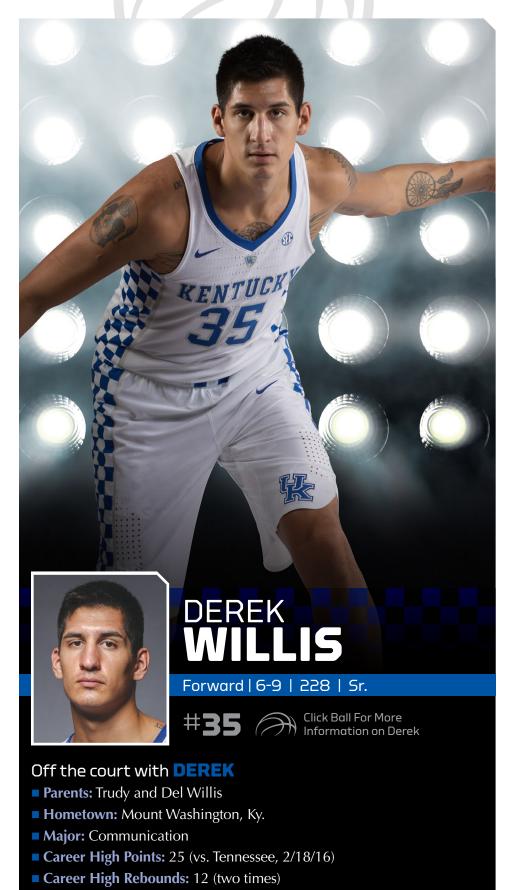


2015-16 (Sophomore)

SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Did not play due to NCAA transfer rules. Transferred from Transylvania University after the 2014-15 season.

High School

A graduate of Harrison County High School, Pulliam was a five-year member of the varsity basketball team ... During his career, he made the All-10th Region Team three times, was named the district tournament MVP and was a member of the school's 1,000-point club ... Pulliam finished his career at Harrison County fifth in career scoring, third in career 3-point field goals and set a school record for most 3-point field goals made in a game with nine ... An honor-roll student, he was his high school's valedictorian ... Was a member of the BETA Club.



Q: How do you guys manage your days as basketball players? Is it hard to manage it now, considering the schedule the players have to keep?

A: Yes, you stay busy. I wake up at 7 a.m. every day, and go to class until noon. Then I've got practice and workouts. I usually don't get finished until about 7 or 8 p.m.

Q: What is your go-to TV show, and why do you like that show?

A: I just finished watching "Stranger Things" on Netflix. It's sci-fi based and directed with an 80s type of theme. It's got this Knight Rider type music to it. I enjoyed it a lot and binge watched all the episodes.

Q: What was your best Halloween Costume?

A: I was Batman. I was young, but my mom told me this story that I couldn't go to the store with her unless I wore my Batman costume. They walked me around Walmart with this costume on. I guess that was my favorite Halloween costume.

Q: First time you dunked, how old were you and what was the setup?

A: I think the first time I dunked was in eighth grade, but in a game I think it was my freshman year. At the time, I was playing junior varsity and I was going to Louisville Male. We were playing some team and had a breakaway. Someone kicked it out to me, and I barely dunked it - but I was like, 'Oh my gosh - I can't believe I just did that.'

Q: What is your favorite class that you've taken at UK?

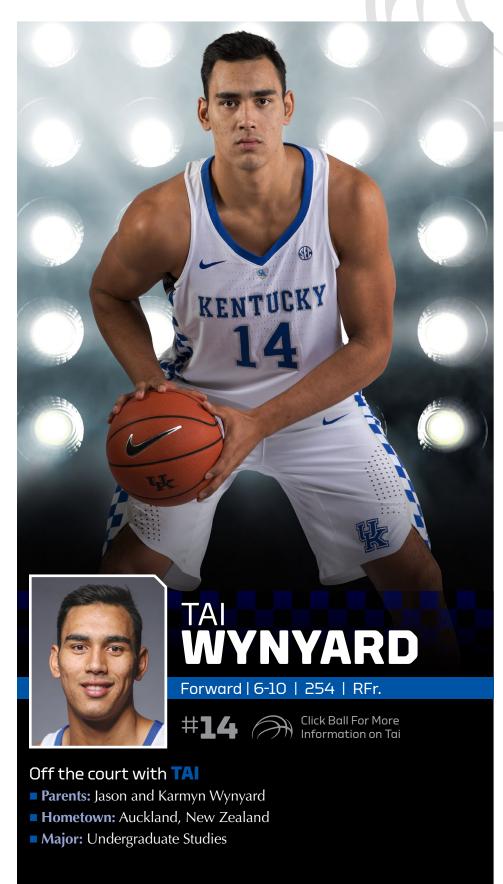
A: Probably Communications 101 because it's the intro to communication classes. You get the whole accumulation of everything like the big ideas and a lot of interesting stuff you can learn with it.



2015-16 (Junior)

Enjoyed a breakout season during his junior campaign where he saw action in 32 games and made 11 starts ... Averaged 7.7 points and 4.0 rebounds per game ... Hit 53 3-pointers on the season, which ranked third on the team ... His 44.2 field-goal percentage from behind the arc was tops on the team ... Led the SEC in 3-point fieldgoal percentage in conference play with a 50.0-percent clip ... Scored 18 points and hauled in a team-high 12 rebounds in a win over Missouri ... The 18-point, 12-rebound effort was the first for a Kentucky native in an SEC game since 1991.

■ Career High Blocks: 4 (two times)



Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

A: Rebounding. I'm grabbing every rebound right now. I've been working on boxing out and other techniques.

Q: Now that you've got a year under your belt, what is the single best part about being a UK player?

A: Being able to have fun with what you do. Being able to work hard with some of the best players in the world is a lot of fun.

Q: Before you were ever a UK recruit, what were your ideas about UK basketball?

A: I didn't have any idea about it until someone said Google Coach Cal. He's a really big deal over here, but I honestly knew nothing about UK or any actual colleges.

Q: What sport have you never tried, or maybe haven't tried in several years that you'd like to try again?

A: Wood chopping. I tried it again a little while ago. Maybe after I finish basketball I can go back to wood chopping or being a lumberiack. It would be a lot of fun.

Q: What are some of the traditions that you observe for Christmas, that Americans don't?

A: It's all much the same. It's just not as big back home. I mean it's big, but just not as big as compared to over here. Everyone's crazy about Christmas in the United States.



2015-16 (Freshman)

Midyear enrollee who joined the Wildcats on Dec. 17 ... Became eligible for the Ohio State game on Dec. 18 ... Did not play in any games in 2015-16 and ended up redshirting ... Played for the New Zealand National Team in the 3-on-3 World Championships for a second straight year.

High School

Graduated from Rangitoto College in Auckland, New Zealand ... Became the youngest player ever to make the New Zealand National Team when he was named to the team at 16 years old ... Named the most valuable player of the FIBA 3-on-3 World Championships after leading New Zealand to a gold medal ... Tabbed the MVP of his high school nationals in New Zealand after leading his team to the high school national championship ... Member of the World Team that defeated USA Basketball in the 2015 Nike Hoop Summit.

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